

CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A system for generating contextual markups of formatted documents, comprising a processor or software configured to receive documents over an electronic communication network, wherein said documents are selected from the group consisting of assignments, students' manuscripts, grant applications and journal manuscripts, convert submitted formatted documents to standardized formatted documents, wherein said formatted documents are image files, permit a user to add contextual markups to said standardized formatted documents derived from said submitted formatted documents to generate a markup document, wherein said contextual markups ~~comprise~~ are selected from the from the group consisting of editorial comments, corrections, annotations, rubrics, symbols and comments added by said user, and wherein said contextual markups are images that are added to an invisible image that maps to said image file, and display said markup document comprising said contextual markups on a web browser.

2-4. (canceled)

5. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said processor or software is further configured to store information pertaining to said received document in a database.

6. (original) The system of claim 5, wherein said information is selected from the group consisting of identity of submitter, grade information, editorial comments, editorial rubrics, questions, and answers.

7. (currently amended) A method for generating contextual markups of formatted documents, comprising:

- a) providing a processor or software configured to receive documents over an electronic communication network, convert submitted formatted documents to standardized formatted documents, permit a user to add contextual markups to formatted

documents derived from said submitted formatted documents to generate a markup document, and display said markup document on a web browser;

b) inputting a document into said processor or software under conditions such that a standardized formatted document is generated wherein said standardized formatted document is an image file, wherein said document is selected from the group consisting of assignments, students' manuscripts, grant applications and journal manuscripts;

c) adding contextual markups to said standardized formatted document to generate a markup document wherein said contextual markups ~~comprise~~ are selected from the group consisting of editorial comments, corrections, annotations, rubrics, symbols and comments, and wherein said contextual markups are images that are added to an invisible image that maps to said image file; and

d) displaying said markup document comprising said contextual markups.

8. (original) The method of claim 7, wherein said document comprises a manuscript.

9. (original) The method of claim 7, wherein said document comprises an educational assignment.

10. (original) The method of claim 7, wherein said displaying comprises making said markup document available over an Internet.

11-13. (canceled)

14. (new) The method of claim 7, wherein said contextual markups are added by an instructor.

15. (new) The method of claim 7, herein said contextual markups are added by a peer reviewer.